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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 31, 2001, having a shortened period for response set to expire on October 31, 2001. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to January 31, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **AMEND** claims 8, 12, 16, and 20-22 as follows:

8: (TWICE AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:  
digital information receiving means for receiving digital information provided via a  
communication medium;  
drive means for reading digital information from, and writing digital information to, a  
removable storage medium;